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THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Reverend Ray Gibbons, D. D., Director of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ and Director of the Council for Social Action of the CC churches since Jan. 1, 1944, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon. His topic is "Our Christian World Mission." Dr. Gibbons will speak Saturday night on "Glimpses Behind the Iron Curtain," illustrating with slides made on his trip abroad in 1957. On Sunday morning he will preach on "Christian Vocations."

Dr. Gibbons received his A. B. from Oberlin College, his B. D. from Union Theological Seminary, an M. A. from Columbia University and the D. D. degree from Defiance College. He was ordained in June of 1928 in the Pilgrim

Congregational Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

After serving pastorates in Maine and Massachusetts for 16 years, Dr. Gibbons accepted his national responsibilities. He is a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches and active in several departments of this body.

Dr. Gibbons is married and has three children. One son, the Rev. David A. Gibbons, is Director of Student YMCA at the University of Washington; Paul is a student at Yale Divinity School and Jane is a student at Colby College in Maine.

He has traveled widely among the CC churches in this country and in Europe, making trips abroad in 1951, 1953, 1955 and 1957.



DR. RAY GIBBONS



Mrs. Walter B. Williams

The featured speaker at the Women's Fellowship luncheon on Saturday will be Mrs. Walter Bernard Williams of Newport News, Va., president of the national Women's Fellowship of CC churches and outstanding interdenominational leader.

A lifelong member of the First CC Church of Newport News, she has served innumerable local, state and national committees for 25 years.

Since 1932 Mrs. Williams has been chairman of the Board of Christian

Thomas Scott Avary

Speaker for the Churchmen's Fellowship luncheon on Saturday will be Thomas Scott Avary, executive vice president, director and member of the executive committee of the West Point Manufacturing Company and affiliated companies, with whom he has been associated since 1933.

Mr. Avery is vice chairman, director and member of the executive committee of Wellington Sears Company of New York; director of Cabin Crafts, Inc. of Dalton, Ga.; Wellington Mills, Anderson, S. C.; Dixie Mills of LaGrange, Ga.; Columbus Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ga.; Rivington Carpets, Ltd., Horwich Junction, England; Worth Street, Inc., New York; First National Bank of West Point, Ga;

and Trustee of West Point Foundation.

He is a past director of Protestant Council of the City of New York; director of George H. Lanier Memorial Hospital, Langdale, Ala.; member of Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of West Point; member of the Lions Club; and was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.



THOS. SCOTT AVARY



JAS. H. LIGHTBOURNE JR.

OUR CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Carroll W. Lewis is pastor of the Langdale CC Church. He is a native of Ingramah, Ill., received his A. B. from Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., his Seminary training at Butler University School of Theology in Indiana and Emory University School of Theology in Atlanta.

Mr. Lewis is married and has two daughters, Nancy and Kathy. His wife is the former Elinor Heninger.



CARROLL W. LEWIS

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

A Service of Installation will be held on Saturday afternoon for the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention.

At the annual meeting last year in LaGrange, Ga., held March 30-31, Mr. Lightbourne was unanimously elected as the new superintendent, to take office the following June 1st. He came to the convention meeting, and was introduced by the Rev. Arnold Slater, chairman of the Nominating Committee for a New Superintendent.

Mr. Lightbourne formerly served the Congregational Christian Church of Holland, Va. for seven years.

He was educated mainly in the South, receiving his B. A. degree from Elon College, N. C. After spending 3

years in the Army Air Corps, he received his M. A. in Philosophy from Brown University, Providence, R. I. and his B. D. from Hartford Seminary.

He is a fifth generation minister, and his father is now serving as superintendent of the Rhode Island Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

Mr. Lightbourne is married to the former Caroline Anderson, and has 3 children: James H. III, Ernest Anderson, and Leslie Hope.

Mr. Lightbourne is president of the Board of Trustees of Franklinton Institute at Bricks, N. C., a trustee of Southern Union College, a member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Council of Churches, and a national director of the Council for Christian Social Action.

The Moderator's Report

Greetings:

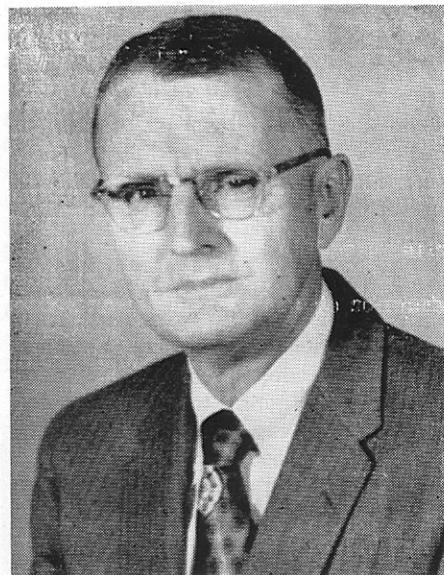
I am at loss for words in trying to express to you of the Southeast Convention my profound and sincere gratitude for having elected me your Moderator for the second time. I hope I have measured up to your expectations.

Presiding at the Board Meetings has been a rich and challenging experience. The only unpleasant task was when I sat down with the Budget Committee to analyze our mission needs and found the needs were far greater than the amount of funds available.

To each of the Board members and the Convention staff — Mrs. Albright and Miss Annie Campbell — I want to take this means of saying, "Thanks a million."

To our beloved Superintendent, the Rev. Jimmy Lightbourne, my sincere thanks to you. You have made my job a pleasure rather than a chore.

May I close my report on this challenging note: In the past year these United States of ours have had a rude and awakening experience. We find ourselves considered second to Russia in missile technology. To overcome this is going to require the combined efforts of every agency of this great Democracy of ours I have reason to believe this challenge will be met in



ODELL YANCEY

due time.

I am saying that in order to say this: There are millions of people in this world who are hungry people and without Christ. Hungry people can be dangerous. If they are not fed by those who care, they are compelled to seek aid from any source and to give allegiance without regard for principle. We must help them. So it behooves us as Christians in the Southeast Convention to assume our share of this responsibility and to give sacrificially to Our Christian World Mission. We will

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Do You Subscribe?

The **Southeast News** now has 604 subscribers. Beginning with the March issue, all clerks and ministers who do not subscribe were put on the mailing list to receive the magazine in order that all ministers and churches may be better informed on the plans and program of the Southeast Convention.

Adjustments in the subscription rate have been made. A **single** subscription (less than five going to any one town) is \$1.50 per year. The higher rate is necessary because our second class mailing permit requires that these go in envelopes. **Group** subscriptions (5) or more going to individual subscribers in any town or church) are now \$1.25. If 10% of the church members subscribe, they may have a special rate of \$1.00 per year.

During the annual meeting, any of the conference and association meetings, women's, laymen's and young people's rallies, the special rate of \$1.00 per year is in effect. **ADVANCE**, the national CC magazine, offers a special rate of \$2.00 per year at these meetings.

The **Southeast News** receives a subsidy of \$800 from the Southeast Convention budget. The more subscribers we obtain, the less the magazine will cost the Southeast Convention.

Do YOU subscribe?

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance, as of January 6, 1957	\$901.33
RECEIVED JAN. THROUGH DEC., 1957 FOR BUDGETED ITEMS:	
Board of Home Missions, regular appropriation	17,262.82
Our Christian World Mission	
(\$23,755.13 less 25% to national boards)	17,692.11
Credits received to budgeted items	2,009.48
Total available for 1957 budget	\$37,865.74

Received For Designated Projects:

From Board of Home Missions	
For expenses new Superintendent	\$2,000.
For Convocation	250.
For Student Summer Service	800.
For Annie Campbell's work	75.
	3,125.00

For North Alabama Area Ministry	800.
For Robbins Parish	4,000.
For Nashville Brookmeade	3,500.
For Knoxville First	7,145.84

15,445.84

Unbudgeted Accounts, general	4,431.20
The 25% of OCWM funds to national boards	\$23,002.04
The 25% of OCWM funds for 1956, paid Jan. 5	6,063.02
Deductions from salaries, Withholding and group ins.	1,035.62
Cash book balance of receipts, Dec. 31, 1957	605.10
	\$68,571.52

DISBURSED, JAN. 6 THROUGH DEC. 30, 1957

For Budgeted Items:	
Administration, salaries of staff	\$9,412.97
Administration, travel expenses	4,306.84
Administration, annuities	750.31
Administration, rent, Miss Campbell	600.00
Administration, group insurance, office	82.73
	\$15,452.85

Office expenses	2,492.46
Parsonage	1,434.62
Organization and Promotion	3,146.02

Aid to Churches:	
Area Ministry	\$290.47
Travel assistance to ministers	456.86
Mission Points (10 churches)	3,520.00
Church Extension, normal (4 churches)	422.20
Church Extension, high potential	3,091.66
	\$7,781.19

Miscellaneous:	2,502.28
Items paid, to be reimbursed	338.43
Total, budgeted accounts	\$35,874.38
To national boards, 25% of OCWM funds received	6,063.02
To designated projects, from BHM funds received	18,283.15
To miscellaneous accounts, unbudgeted	1,304.24
Credits to budgeted items deducted from disbursements above	2,009.48
Cash book totals, as of December 31, 1957	\$64,569.89
Bank balance, as of Dec. 31, 1957	4,001.63
	\$68,571.52

THE SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE REPORT

With spring in the air and baseball season just around the corner, even a college president has a longing to get out and throw the ball around. The fact of spring is also made evident by watching a boy and girl as they stroll around the campus, hand in hand and apparently oblivious to all the rest of the world.

Speaking of students, the college is very proud of the fact that the enrollment for the quarter which has just ended was the largest in the history of the college as 225 students were registered at that time. Included were five ministerial students. Every available inch of classroom and dormitory space was taken.

A fine student body demands an excellent faculty and Dean Van Cleave has stated to me several times that he thought the present faculty was one of the best in the history of the college. The average age of the faculty (even granting that it is dangerous for any man to try to guess at a woman's age!) is between 30 and 35 years of age, the larger number being in the lower age group.

Great plans are being made for the inauguration of the 9th president, the occasion of which, on April 12, will have passed by the time this report is read or given. Acceptances have been received from people in many states and they include leading educators, ministers, and religious officials and lay people interested in the college.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees has been planned for the two days prior to the inauguration ceremonies and it is anticipated that a majority of the 28 members will be present. A new class of 8 members, the class of 1962, will be elected as well as three vacancies in the classes of 1959 and 1960. The Convention is asked to elect four members in the class of 1962, a matter which the Convention nominating committee will act upon.

Although the final reports are not yet out, there is every reason to believe that the excellent financial support which the churches, the women's groups and the men's organizations of the Convention have been giving to the college in prior years will also exist in all of 1958. It is most encouraging

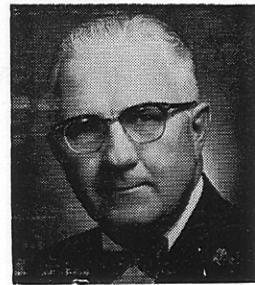
when any of these groups find it to their liking and convenience to send their support on a regular and continuing basis. For this support I should like to express my personal appreciation as well as that of the college. Since July 1, 1957, \$7,623.34 has been received from churches, groups and individuals within the states covered by the Southeast Convention.

Time and space do not permit a full report on the various departments in the college. Many victories have been won this year on the athletic field, football and basketball, not all of which are disclosed in the scores of the games — though we have been fortunate there. The music department has perhaps been outstanding through the work of the college choir, the quartet, the girls' trio and the individual singers. The Creative Arts department put on a TV show over a Birmingham station which would be a credit to any senior college.

The Drama department has presented plays of credit to the director as well as to the players, both faculty and students. The students have participated in many local, regional and national meetings. The faculty has appeared in numerous churches, civic groups, educational organizations and other service clubs in Alabama, Georgia, and elsewhere. Southern Union Day was widely observed this year.

With all this activity, termed by some as extra curricular, a good standard of academic achievement has been maintained, the Dean's list containing over 35 students in the last quarter. The chapel services, the student assemblies and the monthly community college vespers have had excellent speakers and worshipful programs. The Rev. James Lightbourne, Jr. was the leader for the Christian Interpretations Week and made a profound impression on the campus during his four-day stay with us.

It is grossly unfair to make any report like this without mentioning the names of the leaders — faculty, staff and students — who make the facts of this report possible. It is likewise dangerous to mention only one or a small number of names for fear of overlooking, inadvertently, others who are just as important. The spirit of the entire



WALTER A. GRAHAM

faculty, staff and student body is excellent.

No college president's report in 1958 could be correct without some statement about finances and anticipated increase in student body. Our unpaid bills are the highest for several years past and the present applications for admission for this fall are nearing capacity. A pertinent decision therefore is, from what source can more funds be secured to provide more space. Additional scholarship funds are sorely needed to meet the increasing demands for work aid for desiring students.

The first phase of the building program, Pilgrim Hall, has been completed and is paid for in full, including furnishings. The President's home is under construction and should be completed and occupied by June 1. The next buildings will be the library, arts building, and the gymnasium. All are needed now. No place can do so much with so little as can The Southern Union College.

—Walter A. Graham, President

OUR THANKS TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The excellent program for the 6th annual meeting of the Southeast Convention was planned by Moderator Odell Yancey, Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. Ed. A. Albright, Host Pastor, Rev. John D. Schofield, Mrs. Charles Miller and Herman D. Cook, who has served as general chairman of local church arrangements for the meeting.

The local church has taken over many of the responsibilities usually left to the Southeast Convention, and for this the SEC office is especially thankful.

NOTE: The Lanett Pilgrim Fellowship will operate a Snack Bar in the church Fellowship Hall all day Saturday.

Sixth Annual Meeting

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

April 19 and 20, 1958

Lanett Church, Lanett, Alabama

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Theme: "The Day of March Has Come"

P R O G R A M

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

10:30 a. m. Call to Order by the Moderator

Invocation

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

First Business Session

Welcome: From the host church, Rev. John D. Schofield. From the City of Lanett, Mayor Reid Kent. From the Valley Industry, Mr. Frank Williams.

Adoption of Program

Presentation and adoption of 1957 minutes

Announcement of Committees:

Nominating Committee

Program Committee

Business Committee

Resolutions Committee

Appointment of Tellers

Recognition of Fraternal Delegates and Corresponding Members

11:00 a. m. The Treasurer's Report, Mr. W. J. Strickland

The Moderator's Report, Mr. Odell Yancey

Report of Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Campbell

Report of Nominating Committee, Rev. Charles W. Bell

11:40 a. m. Worship Service: Rev. Carroll Lewis, Chaplain

12:00 Fellowship Luncheons:

Women, Mrs. Arnold Slater, SEC president, presiding. Speaker, Mrs. W. B. Williams, national president of the CC Women's Fellowship.

Churchmen's Fellowship, Mr. A. B. Snell, SEC president. Speaker, Mr. Thomas Scott Avary, Executive vice president of the West Point Manufacturing Co.

2:30 p. m. Call to Order: Moderator Odell Yancey presiding

Installation Service for the Superintendent, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

3:00 p. m. Keynote Address: "Our Christian World Mission"

Dr. Ray Gibbons, Director of Council for Social Action

3:45 p. m. Hymn: Led by Rev. Carroll Lewis

Report of Southern Union College, President Walter A. Graham

Report of Committee on Ministry and Churches, Dean A. R. Van Cleave

Report of the Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

4:45 p. m. Meeting of the Church Builders Club, A. B. Snell presiding

5:30 p. m. Recess for Dinner

EVENING SESSION, APRIL 19TH

7:30 p. m. Worship Services: Rev. Carroll Lewis, Chaplain

7:45 p. m. Greetings and Remarks: Mrs. W. B. Williams

8:15 p. m. Illustrated Talk: "Glimpses Behind the Iron Curtain," Dr. Ray Gibbons

9:15 p. m. Adjournment

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

9:00 a. m. Call to Order
Worship Service

9:15 a. m. Committee Reports:

Christian Education and Youth Work, Mrs. Raymond Berry.
Evangelism, Rev. John B. Crutcher
Survey & Church Aid, Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Stewardship & Missionary Education, Rev. Henry Weaver
Christian Social Action, Rev. Raymond Berry
Report of the Women's Fellowship
Report of the Churchmen's Fellowship
New Business
Election of Officers

10:30 a. m. Recess

11:00 a. m. Service of Worship: Rev. John D. Schofield
Sermon: "Christian Vocations," Dr. Ray Gibbons

12:15 Luncheon at the Lanett Church

1:15 p. m. Call to Order

Installation of Officers and Committees
Service of Remembrance, Rev. Peter Doherty
The Lord's Supper: Rev. J. D. Schofield and Rev. C. W. Lewis

2:30 p. m. Final Adjournment

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP REPORT

At the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Conference held in United Church, LaGrange, Ga., on March 15 and 16, the following were elected to office: (Left to right, top row below) Mary Steincipher, Suzanne Warren and Wayne Graves, alternate delegates to National PF Conference; (2nd row) Peter Sanford for Fellowship Commission; (front row) Nancy Newberry, Corresponding Secy., Robert Saunders, Treasurer, Frank Little, President, and Peggy Hammock, Recording Secy. Officers elected but not in picture were John Henley, Faith Commission, and Melvin Roquemore, Vice - president.



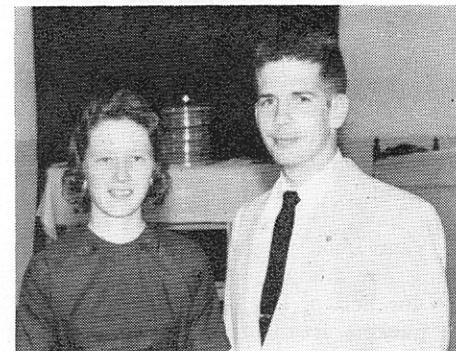
Chairman of the three commissions, Peter Sanford, Patsy Yancey, John Henley, will be delegates to the national PF meeting in New York June 20-27 along with the president, Frank Little.

Johnny Atkinson and Steveta Green, pictured upper right, will be delegates to the International Congregational Council at Hartford Seminary July 2-10.

While the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship has allocated \$15 to help each of these delegates, they will need financial aid and encouragement from their own home churches and the district PF groups.

All officers and chairmen reported much progress in Pilgrim Fellowship during the past year, and were enthusiastic over plans for the future.

The workshop sessions proved worthwhile and interesting, the program of the meeting was well-planned, and the banquet proved to be the highlight of the two day conference. The LaGrange, Lanett and Langdale PF'ers deserve much credit for the decorations



and atmosphere. The PF officers and the United Church were highly commended for the 1958 program and local arrangements.

Outstanding leadership from outside the area was Dr. Bryant Drake; Miss Isabel Hemingway; and Rev. John Graves, Professor of Religion at Elon College.

Other adult leaders were Supt. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Jr., Dr. Paul Reynolds, Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Rev. Raymond Berry, Rev. Sam D. Nelson Jr., Rev. Charles Bell, Paul Anthony, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Rev. Herbert Long, Mrs. J. M. Gager, Jr., and the Rev. Walter Crosby.

Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship Report

"The purpose of this organization shall be to help women cultivate the spirit of Christ, beginning with their own lives and reaching out into home and community and the world, and to enlist and unite the women in a fellowship of worship; a fellowship of service; a fellowship of giving. In carrying out this purpose, a Women's Fellowship undergirds the total program of the Church."

Together we have studied this purpose under the theme "That We May Have Courage and Wisdom for the Living of These Days." We have been learning more of the history and needs of Japan, trying to get the Christian perspective and to make our statement of faith meaningful when it says, "We hold it to be the mission of the church to proclaim the gospel to all mankind exacting the worship of the one true God and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood." (Kansas City Statement of Faith) In studying "Christ, the Church and Race," I hope, if you did not use the program, "Christians Look at Race Relations," you at least read it so we all may have a better understanding and a desire to put into action some truth we have learned, and that you used Jettie Logan's devotional, "God Created Man."

We have been pleased to hear that the Year Book prepared for your use, listing our study themes and suggestions for action, has been helpful; that the packets itemizing materials under the six departments (areas) of work have simplified the work of each department chairman where it has been set up in the local church. Our only desire is to help where help is needed.

This is the first year that our six department chairmen have prepared material for a packet. We think they deserve a vote of thanks. They did a fine job and their material was most helpful. We all learn from experience and the experience gained last year will help us to have better work packets ready for our retreats this summer.

Our second Workshop was held in Atlanta on Feb. 20-27, 1958, with the SEC president, state presidents, dis-

trict presidents, department chairmen (or their representatives) and the Rev. Miss Annie Campbell. We discussed changing our "constitution" to a "Plan of Work." This change will be presented to you at Lanett for your reaction.

At the Midwinter Meeting in Buck Hill Falls in January, spring rallies, retreats, and ideas for department chairmen were discussed. This material will be used in our retreat workshops.

We want to express our appreciation to all officers and chairmen of our Women's Fellowship and to the local organizations they represent. We would thank particularly our Secretary-treasurer, Miss Dora Brackin. She has done a conscientious job, especially in the preparation of a budget together with the Executive Committee. The budget will be presented at Lanett for adoption.

May I thank each state for its contribution to the Women's Fellowship treasury this year. This was the first time all states helped with the women's convention expenses — "When we know, we care; when we care, we share" was truly evidenced. We know each of you wants to share in this important work and will include expenses for Leadership Training Workshops at Convention level in your regular budgets.

Mrs. Fred Muhleman was asked by the Executive Committee to serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Hugh Lasseter as Christian Social Action chairman. She will also serve the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in that capacity.

Your Convention President has represented you at the Board of Directors' meetings in Atlanta; at an E & R Synodical meeting in Nashville, at the Women's Guild in St. Louis and at a meeting on higher education at Bricks, N. C. (at her expense); the Midwinter Meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., (at Women's Fellowship expense); and at the spring meeting of the E & R women in Belvedere, Tenn. (at her expense).

Again it was my privilege to attend an inter-faith, inter-racial meeting in Atlanta of the Southern Regional Council using the theme "The Chal-

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Committee On Evangelism

This committee was born as such at our last annual meeting of the SEC at LaGrange, Ga., on March 30-31, 1957. The Committee on Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education was divided into two committees by amending the Constitution and the Committee on Evangelism was formed.

The first meeting of the committee was on July 30th at the SEC office. Plans were laid for a special emphasis on Evangelism to be given at the fall association and conference meetings.

A suggested year's program of evangelism and a bibliography of materials for use with it were published in the **Southeast News** and sent to each of the ministers and churches. The chairman has prepared a booklet entitled "Surveying Your Church for its Evangelistic Needs." Copies of the booklet were distributed at the annual meeting of the East Alabama Association and it is being presented to the convention committee for possible wider distribution.

Dr. Robert W. Spike, Director of the Department of Evangelism of our Congregational Christian Churches, will be the featured leader at the Spring Ministers' Convocation to be held May 6-8 at The Southern Union College. His presence and suggestions should give needed impetus to the evangelistic work in the convention.

Your chairman has found a decided lack of interest in organized evangelistic effort prevailing. He still affirms that Christ did not command us to build steeples, but to take the gospel to the people. As a convention we have been losing more people out "our backdoors" than we have been getting in by the front route. It is a conviction of the chairman that deepens with the passing years that if winning the lost is to have in the churches the place which it deserves and which Christ intends it shall have, some simple organization and well-directed program through which to enlist and train the saved, and to direct and give definiteness to this noblest of all life's achievements, is a necessity in every church. To that end we labor!

A word of thanks must be given to the members of this committee for their thought and interest during the year.

—John B. Crutcher, chairman

REPORT OF THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Firmly convinced that the most important purpose of a Laymen's organization should be to make better Churchmen of the men we now have and to win others to the ways of Christ, the Churchmen's Fellowship made preparations and plans at the last annual meeting to help us achieve this goal. An amended constitution was adopted, providing for a Board of Directors to consist of the officers, association and conference presidents and the chairmen of the five standing committees. It is the duty of these five committees to assist the local churches, association and conference fellowships (when requested) in planning and conducting programs in their respective fields. These committees and their chairmen are: Devotional Life and Evangelism, Stanley Riley of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Christian Stewardship, Tom Crenshaw of Lanett, Ala.; Missionary Education, Rufus Farrar of LaGrange, Ga.; Social Action, Allan Saunders of Birmingham, Ala.; Denominational Loyalty, Odell Yancey of Langdale, Ala.

Through the combined efforts of the officers and standing committees, a two-day Workshop and Rally was held in Lanett, Ala. Under the dynamic leadership of Walter Graham, who was then director of the National Laymen's Fellowship of the CC churches; Dr. J. Kenneth Kohler, executive secretary of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the E & R church; and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.; and with the graciousness of our host, the Lanett Church, a most inspiring and instructive meeting was held. Packets of materials on the work areas of each of the

standing committees were distributed at the Workshop and Rally, and also sent to the churches unable to have someone in attendance, so all could derive some benefit from this meeting and bring us another step further on the road to our goal of making better churchmen of those we now have and winning others to the ways of Christ.

Churchmen of the Southeast Convention are traveling men, going many miles to be at the places where we need representation. Thirteen men from the Southeast Convention attended the first Joint Convention of CC and E & R Laymen at Oberlin College, Ohio. We were represented at the State Presidents Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., at the Southern Christian Social Action Institute at Avon Park, Fla., and at each of the fall association and conference meetings. These representatives not only contributed their time and talent, but their treasure as well, for in many instances they paid their own expenses on these trips because there was no money in the treasury of the Fellowship.

While we received and disbursed more money than in any previous year, we are far short of sufficient financial support to adequately carry out the work of the Fellowship. It is hoped that at this annual meeting we can adopt a budget and develop a plan for raising the necessary money to effectively conduct a program of making better Churchmen of the men we now have and winning others to the way of Christ, thus making a reality of the basic doctrine of Protestantism — the Priesthood of All Believers.

—A. B. Snell, President

Survey And Church Aid Committee Report

First we want to commend the great amount of good work which this committee did under the chairman you elected last year, the Rev. Hugh Lasseter. With the help of the Home Mission Board the work is firmly established at Knoxville and at Nashville. Several rural areas are showing encouraging progress — among them, Union Grove at Haleyville has come to fulltime service.

This committee, at the meeting in which the mission aid to churches was budgeted, voted unanimously to re-

quest the ministers serving churches which were receiving aid to build up the pastoral side of their ministry to these churches. Our budget is limited; we would like to do more!

There are several mission areas crying for the Christian service our church can give so well. Those of us who receive mission help must remember that every penny we receive is someone's gift, very likely sacrificial, to God and someday we are going to have to give account of our stewardship.

Guy L. Colbert, chairman

CSA COMMITTEE REPORT

A Christian Social Action Committee for the Southeast Convention was appointed in January, 1958, by the Board of Directors. This committee seeks to provide information and guidance to churches and church groups in an effort to make the Christian Gospel more effective in society. It will be chiefly concerned with such areas as National and International Policies in Government, Local and State Political Issues, Economic Life, Racial and Cultural Relations, Social Welfare, Mental Health, Education, Care of the Aged, etc. The committee will provide materials on these and related social problems of the day. It will also seek to develop programs and plan institutes through which Christians may be guided in discovering and applying the Will of God in the community or city, nation and world.

Four members of the committee attended the Southern Christian Social Action Institute at Avon Park, Fla., Feb. 11-13. Leaders included such persons as Miss Fern Babcock, Dr. Herman Reissig and Dr. Stanley U. North. Stirring speeches and discussions were presented on "The Church and Social Welfare;" "Christian Faith and Social Action;" "Social Action in the Local Church;" "The Prevention of Alcoholism"; etc. The entire institute was most helpful in imparting information expressing conviction and concern, and inspiring the delegates to more diligent work in the field of Christian Social Action. It is hoped that an institute of this nature may become an annual event in the southern area.

The Christian Social Action Committee wishes to be a worthwhile servant to the churches of the Southeast Convention. It is our desire "to bring the light of our Christian faith to bear on our human decisions in the fields of social, economic and political problems." Your suggestions will be gladly received.

—W. Raymond Berry, chairman

Moderator's Report . . .

pray, as never before. We will live as Christ would have us live, realizing the moral and spiritual life of man far outweighs the materialistic ideas in value. When we so live we can be assured of the "peace that passeth all understanding."

—Odell Yancey, Moderator

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY AND CHURCHES

The Committee on Ministry and Churches held three sessions during the year of 1957. It was concerned chiefly with plans for the training of licensed ministers. In this connection it helped to plan and to carry out the November Convocation and has made plans for the Convocation to be held May 6-8, 1958.

It was necessary, however, to give attention during the first session of the committee to questions raised by Mr. W. C. Carpenter. On the floor of the Convention annual meeting held in LaGrange, Ga., Mr. Carpenter had raised questions concerning an action of the committee. The Convention directed the chairman of the committee to bring a report on the matter to the convention at its afternoon session. It happened that a quorum was not on hand and no official report could be made. Because of this failure to report at the time of the convention, the committee felt obligated to consider the problem. As a result of its deliberation, a letter was composed and mailed to each minister and church clerk. A copy of the letter is included. Its purpose was, and is, to explain the action of the committee:

"It is recalled that Mr. W. C. Carpenter, at the meeting of the Southeast Convention held at the United Church in LaGrange, raised questions concerning the actions of the Committee on Ministry and Churches. These questions were referred to the Committee by the Convention Moderator with the request that it bring in a report immediately following lunch. Since a quorum of the committee was not present, no official report was given. Because of this request, the committee makes the following report.

"In the first place, the committee recognizes that it is a creation of the Convention. Its duties and obligations are those set forth in the Constitution of the Convention. It does not have authority over ministers of churches, but exists to plan, to suggest and to advise. It is willing to recognize that the language of the letter to Mr. Carpenter following the conference with him in Atlanta was not sufficiently clear. Its purpose was not to put him on probation before the convention, but before the committee.

"Having said this, the committee would like to say further that it has never at any time made any public statement concerning Mr. Carpenter nor made any effort at any time either to condone or to condemn any action of his. The only publicity concerning any relationship between Mr. Carpenter and the committee has come from Mr. Carpenter. No basis exists, therefore, for the contention that the committee has sought in any way to 'persecute' Mr. Carpenter.

"The committee has been concerned with ministerial ethics, with tensions within the convention, and has sought to be helpful to the churches and to individuals.

"The whole problem of the conduct of Mr. Carpenter and of any other ministers involved in the late unrest in the Georgia Conference is within the jurisdiction of that conference. Any future questions should be referred to it.

"For the Committee on Ministry and Churches, (signed)

—A. R. Van Cleave, chairman
Raymond Berry, secretary

The November Convocation was well attended with more than 30 ministers having a share in it. Dr. Roger Shinn, noted theologian and instructor from Vanderbilt Divinity School, was the featured speaker. Two new courses for ministers were started during this Convocation. These were Church History, taught by Rev. Guy L. Colbert, and Religious Education, taught by Mrs. Raymond Berry. Other features of the Convocation were book reviews by Dr. Emily Dexter, Rev. Robert Adams and Rev. Miss Carolyn Welch. The Rev. Charles Bell served as dean.

Plans have been completed for the three-day May Convocation, beginning after the lunch hour on Tuesday, May 6 and closing at noon Thursday, May 8. It was the consensus of the committee that most of our ministers carry too heavy a schedule for them to be absent from the parish for two full weeks during the year, in addition to the other necessary absences. The belief is that a shorter but more condensed schedule will better serve our purposes. This plan, however, is entirely experimental. This Convocation will have as its featured speaker the

SEC Women's Fellowship . . .

lenge of Controversy" in cooperation with seven other denominations. My husband and I attended the Social Action Institute at Avon Park, Fla. in February and a meeting in Atlanta which included a committee from the General Council and from the Convention of the South.

I traveled a week last spring to all our Georgia rallies with the Rev. Miss Annie Campbell and Miss Frances Thompson, our missionary from the Philippines. This was one of the mountain-top experiences of my life, notwithstanding the strenuous traveling schedule of Miss Campbell! This leads me to say that the Southeast Women's Fellowship is fortunate indeed to have Miss Campbell's guiding light. She is a tireless worker, completely dedicated to her Lord and the work of His Kingdom on earth. She is loyal, skillful and determined, bless her, to help us to become the best stewards of time, talent and treasure that we want to be. It is only because of her personal selflessness in these areas that she is able to stand the grind. (Miss Annie, we love you!) Our Fellowship can move forward in a marvelous way with the coordinated efforts of all of you working with Miss Campbell and your Convention President.

In our report last year, we asked that our Woman's Gift be dedicated at the Southeast Convention meeting. Immediately after this meeting, I hope the figures will be compiled for this year's giving and a complete report for the biannual be published in the

Rev. Robert Spike, Director of Evangelism in the Division of Extension and Evangelism. Dr. Spike, together with Supt. Lightbourne, will conduct a course in Evangelism. The second course to be offered will be in counseling, taught by the Rev. Carl Landes of the Southern Union faculty.

The committee hopes that each conference and association will be concerned with the progress of its licensed ministers. With that in view, the committee expects to keep both the Moderator and the chairman of the Committee on Ministry of the conferences and associations informed concerning the educational progress of the licensed ministers.

—A. R. Van Cleave, chairman

succeeding issue of **Southeast News**. Our Woman's Gift then will be dedicated at the General Council in Boston in June. For 1957 our total was \$2,096.67.

Supt. Lightbourne, speaking to the Executive Meeting in its planning session, challenged the Women's Fellowship to be an auxiliary of the Convention in the same relation as the local Fellowship is to the local church. He suggested two ways we could help: through the Woman's Gift and by getting behind the \$2,000 deficit of the Convention budget. He explained that we are a missionary-aided Convention, receiving \$16,000 for our budget from the Board of Home Missions. Each year this will be decreased by \$2,000, and we must realize this deficit is our responsibility to make up before we can advance beyond the present. We women can support our local church in its Convention pledge so the Southeast Convention can become self-supporting.

Mr. Lightbourne says two projects especially need our "mothering": the Congregational Christian Foundation at Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Southern Union College. Another field is church extension. He challenged the Women's Fellowship to sponsor the starting of a new church within the Convention.

Our manual has been revised. Miss Campbell will have copies on sale at the retreats. May I suggest that you buy it and **MEMORIZE** it. The manual has been written with every church woman and every local fellowship in mind. It gives us a guide for our devotional life, our purpose, our task, our organization. It suggests how to **DETECT**, **SELECT** and **PERFECT** leaders. It tells us "we have gifts that differ; every person has some talent". It is filled with ideas on Stewardship, Christian Education, Christian Action, Missionary Education and Friendly Service. There is something in it that will help every group, no matter what size, to be better Christians. It tells where you can get further materials to help with program planning, budget preparation, etc.

It has been my happy privilege to serve you as president. Thank you for letting me learn in this capacity and, I hope, serve in a small way.

— Pauline W. Slater, President

Christian Education Committee Report

The Christian Education Committee of the Southeast Convention has been active this year. Two meetings have been held. Various phases of Christian education have been discussed and plans made.

Our main field of concern is that of Leadership Training. Interest has been expressed by many of our ministers in courses in leadership education. It is hoped that area institutes can be held beginning in the fall at which leadership education courses can be offered for ministers and church leaders. The committee wishes to meet the needs of our area and we ask the cooperation of all of you. We must know what courses you would like to have taught, whom you would suggest as teachers, and where you would like to have these institutes held. Courses such as: Methods of Teaching, The Pupils We Teach, Missionary Education, The Educational Work of the Church, Children and the Bible, Old and New Testament and others could be included in such institutes. Please help us to serve you by giving us your suggestions to guide us in further planning in this field.

It has been indicated that it will be possible for us to get national leaders in Christian education to be with us in a Workshop in the near future. At this time leaders from our churches would meet with the national leaders of Adult Work, Youth Work and Children's Work for specialized training which they in turn would pass on to others in their areas.

August 19-20, 1958 the National Conference on Christian Education will be held at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind. Anyone interested in Christian Education, or any Christian education worker eager to improve his or her skills or gain new and deeper insights, is invited to attend this conference. Information about this meeting has been sent to all ministers and church clerks. Let's make plans now to send a representative delegation of leaders from our church schools, workers with children, youth and adults, as well as leaders from other organizations. We hope there will be several cars going from the Southeast Convention. This will make possible a sharing of expenses. Please let me know if any of you would like to at-

tend, or if you know someone who might, so we can begin our plans for attending this very important meeting. Our work in this field will grow in the Southeast Convention only as each of us grows in the work.

About the same time the World Convention on Christian Education will be held in Tokyo, Japan. While we may not be able to attend, we can send greetings from our churches. A "World Friendship Book" is being assembled to be presented to the leaders of Japan at this meeting. Church leaders from all over the world are invited to sign loose-leaf pages for this book and contribute to the financial gift which will accompany the book. Half of the money will be designated for Christian education work in Japan, and the other half will be used to help with travel expenses of delegates from the younger churches.

I hope that many of our churches church school teachers, other Christian education workers, and friends, will sign a page in this book and be a part of the conference. Blank pages to be signed will be found in the **International Journal of Religious Education**.

The committee has also been working on summer conferences. In our meetings we have set up a cycle of courses to be used in the Southeast Convention. In this way there can be more variety of courses as well as different leaders each summer. It is hoped that it will prove helpful to those planning the conferences for our area.

The committee is urging that our church-related colleges be recognized on National Christian College Sunday which comes in the spring. This will leave the first Sunday in November free to be celebrated as National Women's Fellowship Sunday. (Some of our churches have had this as college Sunday.) With our denominational emphasis for 1958-60 being Higher Education, it would be well to recognize our institutions of higher education in our local churches.

Without the support of the committee members, and your support of them, we can do very little. We need committee members who will attend meetings and help in the work. Please help us to help you by giving us your support and your suggestions.

—Shirley N. Berry, chairman

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

At a meeting of the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee early in the year, it was decided that no Every Church Canvass would be made this year for two reasons: first, because of the expense of preparation if done on the scale of previous canvasses; and second, it was believed unnecessary to do an extensive canvass because such an excellent job had been done in the past three years.

Plans were made to set a definite date and ask each local minister to present the matter to his church using the materials on Our Christian World Mission printed by the Missions Council. Area meetings were held and materials distributed. Pledges were slow coming in and to date (March 25th) only about half of our churches have sent in a pledge. Several churches that did not make a pledge are sending in monthly checks, but many churches have not taken any action at all on the matter.

Everybody in every church in the Southeast Convention has had an opportunity to learn of the work and needs of the convention through these canvasses, conferences and other meetings, and **The Southeast News**. Many have responded generously but we are, as a whole, still falling far short of what we could and ought to be doing. To reach the goal of self-support that we have set for ourselves, we need the cooperation of every minister and of every church. Since we did not know the budget of each local church, we asked for an increase of 15%. Some churches may not be able to do that much, while others could easily do more.

A list of churches contributing to Our Christian World Mission is printed in this issue and if your church is not on the list, please bring it to the attention of your pastor and church. Have them take some definite action as soon as possible and if you need any help or information, contact the Convention office.

—Henry C. Weaver, chairman

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION	
CHURCH	PLEDGE RECEIVED
Central Alabama Association	
East Tallassee Liberty	\$500
Tallassee Mt. Olive	75
Thorsby United	150
	\$725
East Alabama Association	
Alexander City Hunt	\$144
Dadeville Elder	72
LaFayette Pleasant Grove	120
Lanett	1,400
Lanett Huguley	120
Langdale	1,500
Lineville New Harmony	50
Phenix City First	690
Roanoke Lowell	207
Roanoke New Hope	96
Roanoke Rock Stand	138
Wadley Christian	480
Wedowee Caver's Grove	12
Wedowee Noonday	51
West Point Bethel (Ga.)	50
	\$5,130
North Alabama Association	
Arley Robertson's Chapel	\$ 24
Birmingham Pilgrim	690
Hackleburg Fairview	60
Houston Liberty Hill	30
Steppville Mt. Grove	120
Trinity Caddo Friendship	60
	\$984
South Alabama Association	
Andalusia Antioch	\$ 420
Andalusia New Home	12
Andalusia First	138
Brantley Indian Creek-Comm.	55
Brantley Liberty	55
Clio New Hope	120
Headland Blackwood	368
Bonifay New Effort	240
Crestview Dorcas	180
	\$1,588
33 Churches, Ala.-NW Fla.	\$8,427
Georgia-South Carolina Conference	
Atlanta Center	\$ 240
Atlanta Central	3,600
Barnesville Fredonia	180
Braselton Macedonia	30
Buford Duncan's Creek	72
Chipley Oak Grove	420

Dick Chamberlain Visits

Dick Chamberlain, chairman of the National Action Commission of the Pilgrim Fellowship and member of the Board of Directors of the CSA, will visit in the Southeast Convention from April 26 through May 4th.

Dick will be remembered for his participation in the Alabama Summer Conference for young people last year.

We will speak at the South Alabama-NW Florida PF Rally on April 26, the North Alabama Rally on April 27, the North Georgia Rally on May 3 and the Central Georgia Rally on May 4. On other dates he has been scheduled for local churches and USF meetings.

Columbus First	345
Demorest Federated	400
Douglas First	45
Hampton County Line	69
LaGrange United (tithe)	800
Meansville First	12
Pearson Union Hill	150
Richland First	72
Charleston Circular	1,020
15 Churches	\$7,455
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference	
Chattanooga Pilgrim (thru April)	2,604
Crossville First	414
Daisy First	250
Deer Lodge	60
Glenmary	72
Knoxville First	2,000
Nashville Brookmeade	516
Pleasant Hill Community	750
Robbins Barton Chapel	184
9 Churches	\$6,850
Pledges not received, but church paying at the rate of:	
LaGrange Hillside	90
Lineville New Harmony	50
Phenix City Russell Woods	20
Roanoke First	360
Roanoke Antioch	240
Garden City	192
Haleyville Union Grove	18
Baker Good Hope	170
Oxford Sardis	72
Woodbury Jones Chapel	70
Baxley Friendship	240
11 Churches	\$1,522
Total: 78 Churches	\$24,254